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PREAMBLE

Volume Twenty-Three of the *Golden Gate University Law Review* marks the twenty-second year the students of Golden Gate University School of Law have successfully undertaken the publication of an entirely student-managed and student-edited scholarly legal journal. Each volume of *Golden Gate University Law Review* contains three distinct issues focusing on three distinct topics.

The first issue is the Ninth Circuit Survey, which contains notes and summaries of significant cases decided by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit during the year prior to publication. The Ninth Circuit Survey is organized by sections into various areas of the law (e.g., Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, etc.) and includes a detailed biography of each jurist sitting on that Court.

The second issue is the Notes & Comments Issue, which generally contains several lead articles written by professors or practitioners, as well as student written notes, comments and summaries. In recent years, the Notes & Comments Issue has been a symposium issue concentrating on one area of law. The Notes & Comments Issue of Volume Twenty-Three is such a symposium, focusing on First Amendment Law.

Lastly, we publish the Women's Law Forum as our third issue, which is devoted to covering legal issues affecting women, children, families, alternative lifestyles and minorities. The Women's Law Forum is one of only a handful of legal publications in the United States devoted to discussing issues affecting these groups. The Women's Law Forum publishes articles, comments and notes, as well as summaries of recent California cases and selected California legislation affecting women and minorities.

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